

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Robert G. Taub, Acting Chairman;
Tony Hammond, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton;
Ruth Y. Goldway; and
Nanci E. Langley

Competitive Product Prices
Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 1
(MC2013-5)
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2013-5

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF

(Issued October 20, 2015)

The negotiated service agreement approved in this proceeding (Existing Agreement) is set to expire October 26, 2015.¹ On October 19, 2015, the Postal Service filed a motion for temporary relief seeking to extend the expiration date of the Existing Agreement by 30 days.²

The Postal Service states that despite working collaboratively with the customer to reach a new agreement in which the customer would renew its commitment to send large volumes of Priority Mail and First-Class Package Service for the next year at

¹ Docket Nos. MC2013-5 and CP2013-5, Order No. 1519, Order Adding Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 1 to the Competitive Product List, October 26, 2012, at 5.

² Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, October 19, 2015, at 1 (Motion).

negotiated rates, negotiations with the customer have not concluded because the customer's upper management is still reviewing the Postal Service's most recent proposal. Motion at 1. The Postal Service represents that it expects that the customer will approve the Postal Service's most recent proposal soon and that the parties will be able to finalize and sign the successor agreement. *Id.* The Postal Service requests that the Commission approve a brief extension to allow the Existing Agreement to remain in effect and on the Mail Classification Schedule for 30 additional days to give the parties additional time to conclude negotiations and sign the successor contract. *Id.* at 2.

The Motion is granted. The Existing Agreement is modified to continue through November 25, 2015, or until a successor agreement is approved by the Commission, whichever occurs first. Temporary relief is in the public interest and will not prejudice any person.

It is ordered:

1. The Motion of the United States Postal Service for Temporary Relief, filed October 19, 2015, is granted.
2. The Existing Agreement will expire on November 25, 2015, or until a successor agreement is approved by the Commission, whichever occurs first.

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams
Acting Secretary